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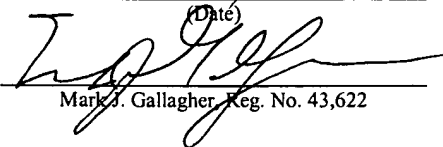
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 10, 2004, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and comments.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.

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